



**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers; EMS system hospitals; ambulance providers; emergency and trauma physicians; emergency nurses; basic, intermediate, and paramedic emergency medical technicians (EMTs); field nurses; emergency communication nurses; trauma nurse specialists; emergency medical dispatchers; and first responders who are dedicated to saving lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Illinois there are 63 EMS resource hospitals and 67 trauma centers; 7,894 first responder defibrillators; 20,469 basic EMTs, 605 intermediate EMTs, 15,768 paramedic EMTs; 4,959 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,702 trauma nurse specialists; 409 pre-hospital registered nurses; and 2,892 emergency medical dispatchers selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's national theme, "EMS Strong: Always in Service", underscores the immediate nature of the situations to which EMS personnel must respond;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2017, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Illinois and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this THIRTEENTH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH.

*Doree White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR